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THE SPY WHO LOVED ME

CIA clerk reportedly passed secrets on to Ghana

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Washington (News Bureau)—A lovestruck woman clerk in the Central Intelligence Agency was charged yesterday with turning over top-secret information on CIA spies in Ghana to the cousin of Ghanaian leader Jerry Rawlings.

The FBI arrested Sharon Schrange, 29, in Alexandria, Va., a few hours after nabbing Michael Agbouti Soussoudis, 39, a Ghanaian citizen and Rawlings' relative, at a motel in nearby Springfield, Va.

Sources said Schrange, until recently assigned to the CIA station in Accra, Ghana, and Soussoudis were lovers. She reportedly agreed to cooperate with the FBI after three days of grilling by FBI agents this week in Tysons Corner, Va., near CIA headquarters. Schrange reportedly lured Soussoudis to the motel where he was arrested.

THE FBI SAID it moved in on the case based on information provided by the CIA.

Schrange and Soussoudis were charged with espionage and could face life in prison if convicted.

An FBI affidavit filed in Alexandria said Schrange had been taking highly classified material from the CIA files in Accra for the last two years and giving it to Soussoudis, who passed it on to Ghanaian intelligence officials.

Rawlings, who has purged leftists from his government and improved relations with the United States, apparently

was more interested in identifying Ghanaian threats to his power than in penetrating U.S. intelligence.

THE AFFIDAVIT said that not only did Schrange give Soussoudis the list of all CIA personnel in Ghana, including the chief of station, but also the names of Ghanaian dissidents who were covertly cooperating with the CIA.

The court papers also said Schrange turned over information about CIA communications equipment and material about military equipment a Ghanaian group had requested from Libya.

Last May, Ghanaian intelligence officials asked Schrange to learn the identities of three Ghanaians living outside Ghana who were cooperating with the CIA. She was asked to comb CIA files at the headquarters in Langley, Va., but apparently was nabbed before looking at the files.